Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. 4692

| 1. Name | | | | | | |
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| 2. Location | No. 1 | | | | | |
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| street & number | 1003-1051 [| North Durh | am Street | | | |
| city, town | Baltimore | | | | | |
| state & zip code | Maryland | 21205 | county | | | |
| 3. Classifica | ition | | | | | |
| Category district X building(s) structure site object 4. Owner of | Ownership public X private both Public Acquisition in process being considered not applicable Property | Accessil X yes: re | upied n progress ble | Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainmen government industrial military | t relig scie | ate residence lious ntific sportation |
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| street & number | | - | | tele | ephone | £ . |
| city, town | state & zip code | | | | | |
| 5. Location | of Legal Des | criptio | n | | | |
| courthouse, registry | y of deeds, etc. Bal | timore City | Land Rec | ords | | liber |
| street & number | Clarence Mitchell Courthouse | | | | folio | |
| city, town Balti | more | | State | Maryland | | |
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7. Description

| Condition | | Check One | 3 | Check One |
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| excellent good x_ fair | deteriorated ruins unexposed | unaltered X altered | | X original site moved: date of move: |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of twelve two-story, two-bay wide Italianate-style brick houses with shed roofs and wooden scroll-sawn bracketed cornices were built in 1873 by the McDonough Place Land Company, a consortium of builders/investors who developed several blocks in the area. Five of the houses retain their original brick facades, which were always painted, and evidence remains that their basements were originally painted white, to imitate the marble used in more expensive houses. The remainder have been formstoned.

The houses are two stories in height, 12' wide (12'6" for the end houses), and occupy lots 65' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there are no backbuildings. The houses are constructed in running bond and were originally painted and striped. The basement area was painted white, to imitate marble, as was common in houses of this type. Each house has a single hooded chimney located near the front and at the rear corner of the house. The shed roofs are capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a crown molding supported by four short scroll-sawn brackets decorated with grooves, and a deep frieze area decorated with jig-sawn butterfly motifs. A lower molding strip of quarter-rounds further defines the cornice line. This type of cornice is transitional between the early Italianate style of the 1870s, with its row of simple modillions supporting the crown, and the late Italianate style of the later 1880s, with its long scroll-sawn brackets.

The tall, narrow window and door openings have segmentally arched brick lintels and plain tympanums. Several of the original 4/4 sash survive. The sills are wood. No original doors remain and most of the houses have had their openings boarded. The houses sit on low basements, lit by a flat-linteled sash. Each house is reached by two concrete steps.

A few of the houses retain their original painted brick facades, but most have been covered with either stucco or formstone. An especially significant feature of this row is the formstoned church with stained glass windows that occupies 1013-1015 North Durham Street, the Sweet Prospect Baptist Church.

The houses are two stories in height, only 11'6" wide and occupy lots 50' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is no backbuilding. The houses are constructed in running bond and were originally painted. Each house had a single hooded chimney located near the front and rear of the house. The shed roofs are capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a crown molding supported by a row of simple scroll-sawn modillions decorated with grooves as well as three long, scroll-sawn, grooved brackets connected by both an upper and lower molding strip and ending with a trefoil pattern. The cornice design is elaborate for this early date and can be viewed as transitional between the early and late Italianate forms. The tall, narrow window and door openings have segmentally arched brick lintels and wood sills. Several of the original 4/4 sash survive. The doorway transom has a single light and all of the doors are modern replacements. The houses sit on low basements, lit by a single-light sash with a flat lintel.. Each house is reached by three concrete or marble steps.

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8. Significance

| Period | Area of significance | check one & justify | | |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 X 1800-1899 1900 | archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications | X community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration industry invention | landscape architecturelawliteraturemilitarymusicphilosophypolitics/government | religion science sculpture X social/ humanitarian theatre transportation other: specify |
| Specific dates 1873 | | Builder/Arch | itect The McDonough Pla | ce Company |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This group of houses is significant in that it represents the level of architectural stylishness achieved by many builders of small street houses in the late nineteenth century. The houses were built by the McDonough Place Company, a local group investing in the area, according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's working class neighborhoods of the period c. 1880 to 1910. Recognizing that workers held different levels of jobs (and pay), builders created a hierarchy of house izes (and prices) in the new neighborhoods going up to serve the expanding factory districts ringing the harbor and northeast of the central city. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide two-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks. Typically, in this period, main street houses might sell for \$1,200 to \$1,500; small street houses for \$500 to \$600.

The Company also built the houses on the north side of Eager Street, the east side of Ann Street, and the south side of Chase Street. Many of the buyers of the main street houses were Germans and many obtained loans from the 2nd German-American Building Assocation. Henry Herche, a shoemaker, purchased one of the first houses on East Durham Street.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse* (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

10. Geographic Data

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Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

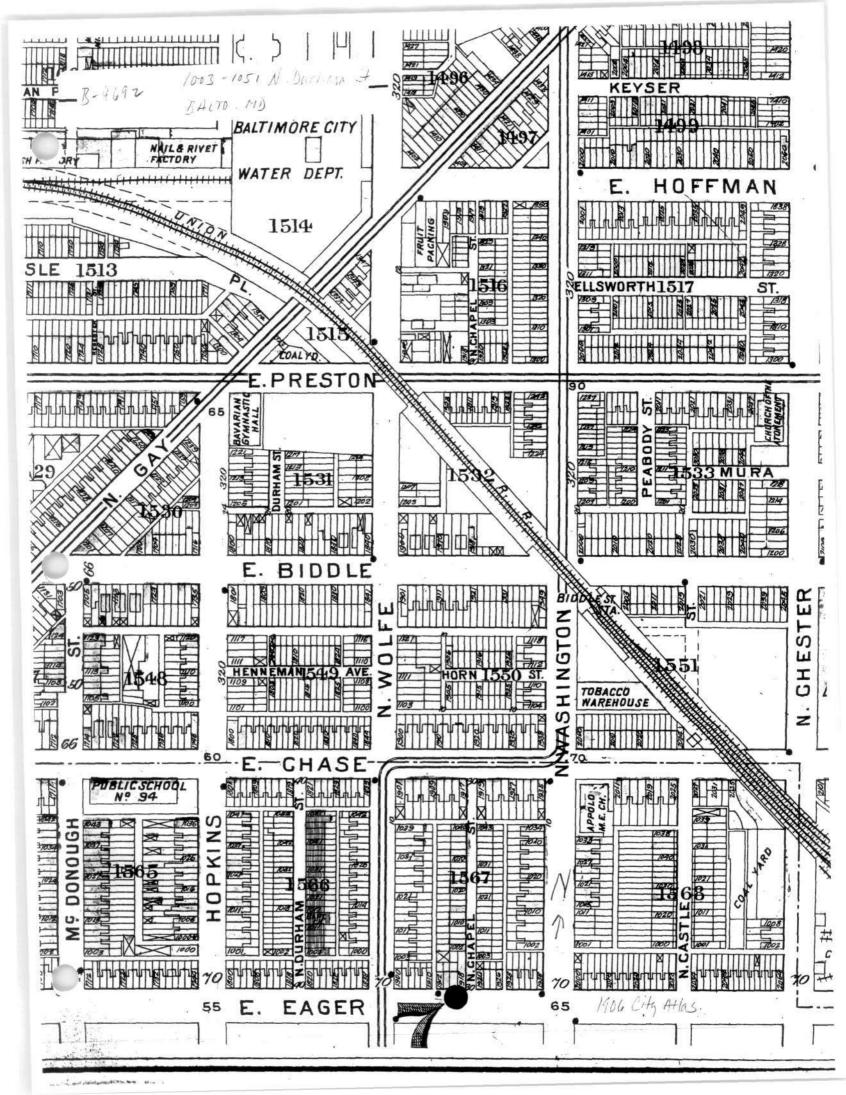
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| street & number | 1306 Carrollton Ave. | telephone | | |
| city, town | Baltimore | state & zip code | Maryland | 21204 |

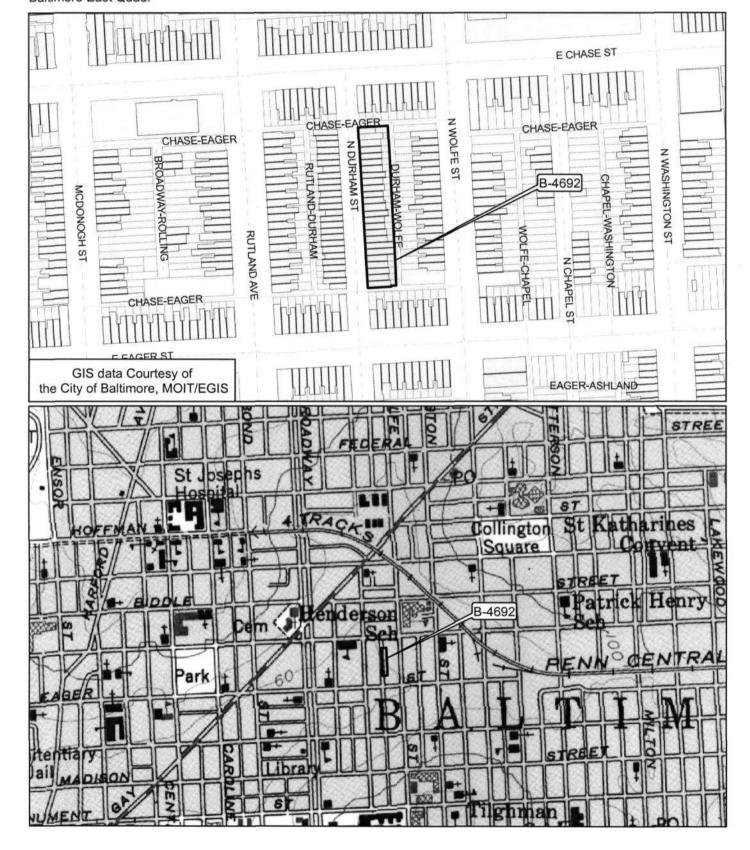
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